Thermal Power Project (156 MW) of M/s Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation] has reported achievement of financial closure, six other projects with a total capacity of 2239 MW in Andhra Pradesh may achieve financial closure soon with the initialing of Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) among Government of Andhra Pradesh/APTRANSCO, Power Finance Corporation and the Financial Institutions led by the Industrial Development Bank of India on August, 10,2001. The remaining projects are closely monitored for removing the 'last mile' problems which would facilitate achievement of financial closure.

Withdrawal of staff from NREB

4062. MISS FRIDA TOPNO : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether NREB is a subordinate office of Central Electricity Authority;

(b) whether it was decided in NREB's 41 st Meeting held on 12th August, 1977 to post staff from various State Electricity Boards to Northern Regional Electricity Board on informal deputation basis;

(c) whether SEBs have decided to take back their staff from the NREB, if so, the details of Board's decision in this regard; and

(d) whether all the SEBs are governed by the Ministry of Power in regard to selection, posting and transfer of their staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) SEB staff were deployed in NREB on an informal basis. The officials of the SEBs/Utilities working in the NREB, have already been relieved by NREB, with the instructions to report back to their respective Headquarters. NREB/CEA have been directed to make an assessment of the staff requirement oftheREB.

(d) No, Sir. The SEBs have powers in regard to selection, posting and transfer of their staff within their offices.

Wasteland in Jharkhand, Gujarat and Chhattisgarh

4063. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of districts of Uttaranchal, Gujarat and Chhattisgarh where the wasteland is available;

(b) the total funds provided by the Union Government to Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand for the reclamation of wasteland;

(c) whether the Government of these States have not utilised this amount fully; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, district-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA) : (a) The names of the districts of Uttaranchal, Gujarat and Chhattisgarh where wasteland is available are given in Statement I *(See* below).

(b) The total funds released by the Union Government to Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand for reclamation of wasteland under the Integrated Wastelands Development Programme todate are given below :—

Chhattisgarh	Rs. 1036.10 lakh
Jharkhand	Rs. 706.71 lakh

(c) and (d) Information regarding district-wise Central funds released and utilised is given in Statement II.

Statement-I

Names of districts of Uttaranchal, Gujarat & Chhattisgarh where wasteland is available as per Wastelands Atlas of India 2000

SI.No. Uttaranchal	Gujarat	Chhattisgarh
!. Pauri Garhwal	Ahmedabad	Bastar
2. Tehri Garhwal	Amreli	Bilaspur
3. UttarKashi	Banaskantha	Dantewada
4. Chamoli	Bharuch	Dhamtari
5. Dehradun	Narmada	Durg
6. Nainital	Bhavnagar	Janjgir-Champa
7. Almora	Dangs	Jashpur
8. Pithoragarh	Gandhinagar	Kanker
9. Udham Singh Nagar	Jamnagar	Kawardha
10. Bageshwar	Junagadh	Korba
11. Champawat	Porbandar	Koriya
12. Rudraprayag	Kheda	Mahasamund

SI.N o.	Uttaranchal	Gujarat	Chhattisgarh
13.	Hard war	Anand	Raigarh
[4.		Kutch	Raipur
15.		Mehsana	Rajnandgaon
16.		Patan	Surguja
17.		Panchamahal	
18.		Dahod	
19.		Rajkot	
20.		Sabarkantha	
21.		Surat	
22.		Surendra Nagar	
23.		Vadodara	
24.		Valsad	
25.		Navsari	

Statement-ll

District-wise amount released and utilised in the States of Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh

(Rs. in Lakh)

SI. No.	Name of State/ District	Amount Released	Amount Utilised
Jharkhand			
I.	Chatra	39.11	39.11
2.	Lohardaga	147.79	83.09
3.	Garhwa	84.05	31.46
4.	Deoghar	120.46	72.85
5.	Palamau	203.46	146.04
6.	Ranch i	37.63	Project sanctioned in 1999-2000
7.	East Singhbhum	43.52	Project sanctioned recently in 2000-2001
8.	West Singhbhum	30.69	Project sanctioned recently in 2000-2001

SI. No.	Name of State District	Amount Released	Amount Utilised
Chhattisgarh			
1.	Sarguja	87.00	39.69
2.	Ding	190.97	173.84
3.	Raigarh	159.76	24.84
4.	Raipur	134.88	84.12
5.	Rajnandgaon	190.07	80.75
6.	Mahasamund	74.40	
7.	Durg-ll	72.73 1	Projects sanctioned
8.	Raipur-II	53.82 I	recently in 2000-2001
9.	Rajnandgaon-II	72.47 J	

Implementation of Annapurna Scheme by States

†4064. SHRI LAJPAT RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the States where 'Annapurna Scheme' announced by Government in recent past has been introduced;

(b) the States which have not implemented it;

(c) whether the families that are to be covered under the scheme have been identified in such States; and

(d) the main objective of the scheme and the details of steps taken by Government to ensure its full implementation by all States of the country ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAI AH NAIDU) : (a) to (c) The States which are currently implementing the Annapurna Scheme are Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura. The States of Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Tamil Nadu have informed that they are not implementing the Scheme. The remaining States/Union Territories are in the process of identifying the beneficiaries.

(d) The Annapurna Scheme aims at providing food security to meet the requirement of those senior citizens who though eligible, have remained uncovered under the National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS). 10 Kgs of

†Origirial notice of the question was received in Hindi.